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1. Many Slovenes living in Jesenice and Gustanj (Slovenia) are extremely anti-Yugoslav and pro-Austrian. They feel that Slovenia has paid more taxes and contributed more money to the Federal Government than any other Republic and that all their money goes to Belgrade. They were under the Serbs before the war and they are again under the Serbs and they are tired of Serbian rule. They still recall the good conditions under the Austrian Empire, especially the people in Gustanj who feel they are a part of Carinthia. A few Serbs are members of the Jesenice People's Committee. Slovenes have allegedly expressed strong opinions against them and have stated that they did not have Serbs in the municipal administration even during the time of King Alexander's dictatorship before World War II. 25X1

2. Many Croats in Sisak are in favor of an independent Croatia. The Serbs from the Kordun and Lika areas have most of the important positions in Sisak. Furthermore, most of the UDB men in Sisak are Serbs. One example is that of a certain Damjanovic who was formerly the chief of the UDB in the steel works and is now a member of the Town People's Committee. He also holds a position in the town section of the UDB.

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